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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF A MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE US AND AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS SERVICES

1. ON MAY 1 THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
GRANTED CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE
AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRIA PROVIDING FOR MUTUAL
ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE CUSTOMS SERVICES OF OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS.

2. THE EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT IMMEDIATELY TO
THE APPROPRIATE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES A COPY OF THE
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LATEST VERSION OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO

ECONOMIC COUNSELOR BARDACH BY MR. FLATIN ON MAY 14.

3. IF THE EMBASSY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA WOULD FIND THE TIMING CONVENIENT, A NEGOTIATING TEAM FROM THE U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE COULD BE PREPARED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA ON MONDAY, JUNE 16.(THEIR NAMES WILL BE SUPPLIED IN A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE.)

4. THE AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY STAFF TO SERVE AS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM.

5. ACCORDING TO THE AUTHORIZATION APPROVED BY UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON, NEGOTIATED CHANGES IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. INGERSOLL

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